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Letter dated 12 July 2011 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you, attached, a copy of the declaration by the Government of Burkina Faso of 10 July in recognition of the State of South Sudan, following the proclamation of the independence of South Sudan on 9 July 2011 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the attention of the Member States of the United Nations and circulate it as a document of the General Assembly.

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Declaration recognizing the State of South Sudan

The Government of Burkina Faso,

Aware of the responsibility Burkina Faso bears as a Member State of the African Union and the United Nations,

Deeply attached to the ideals of peace, the principles of cooperation among nations and respect for the fundamental rights of human beings as proclaimed in the relevant international instruments, in particular the Constitutive Act of the African Union, the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Reaffirming the importance of equality among peoples and their inalienable right to self-determination,

Taking note of the results of the referendum held in January 2011 and the choice expressed on that occasion by the people of South Sudan in favour of the country's autonomy and independence,

Referring to the Solemn Declaration of the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the African Union on Sudan, adopted at its 16th session held in Addis Ababa on 30 and 31 January 2011, as well as the decision by the Conference on the independence process in South Sudan adopted at its 17th session in Malabo from 30 June to 1 July 2011,

1. *Welcomes* the implementation by the signatories of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement which led to the proclamation of the independence of the State of South Sudan on 9 July 2011 and congratulates the Government and people of South Sudan on their peaceful accession to international sovereignty;

2. *Solemnly declares* that it recognizes the State of South Sudan as a sovereign and independent State;

3. *Expresses* its readiness to maintain a relationship of friendship and cooperation with the new State based on the principles of mutual respect, equality among peoples and nations, the right to self-determination and non-interference in internal affairs;

4. *Assures* the Government and people of South Sudan of the support of the Government and people of Burkina Faso in their quest for a democratic and prosperous State, living in peace with the other African States, in particular the Republic of Sudan.